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FEW NOTES FROM EDITOR, TEDD, KB8NW: I can not guararantee that there will be a bulletin over the next two weeks due to a very hectic schedule. IF (and I do stress the word "IF") there is a bulletin for May 13th it will probably be some genreal announcements (but small in size). This is due to a few family events (I will be traveling to Toledo to see my son graduate from the University of Toledo early Saturday. Also, my dad and sister will be in town for a special family gathering/celebration. It is also Mother's Day.) Because I will be attending the Dayton HamVention, there will not be a bulletin for May 20th (unless there is a major announcement). Please, continue to send your information (you never know!).

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 28/April, through Sunday, 5/May there were 231 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HM, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH1, KH2, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T30, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9L, VK9N, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3V, TUNISIA. Terry/F5MSE and Steve/F5NZY (FOC) will be active from **Djerba** as **3V8SM**, **May 8-15th**. Activity will be on all HF bands on CW and SSB. QSL via F5MSE.

6Y, JAMAICA. OPDX was informed that "Team Vertical" is heading back to Jamaica for the **WPX CW Contest**. The team will arrive in Jamaica **May 18th**, and depart **May 28th**. They will be active on all bands, 160-6 meters. The callsign **6Y2A** will be used during the contest on May 25-26th. The group will enter the Multi/Multi category, and will run six stations, each running a KW during the contest. Outside the contest, the team will operate as "**homecall/6Y5**". The list of operators are: N6BT, KE7X, WA6O, N6XG, W0YK, N6XI, and K2KW. Four of the transceivers will be Elecraft K2/100 rigs. As always, they will be using Force 12 vertical antennas on all bands from 160-6 meters. On 6 meters, they will be very active running a KW and will be transmitting on 50.102 MHz, QSX outside the DX window as directed. QSL 6Y2A and K2KW via WA4WTG. QSL others as directed.

7O, YEMEN. Pekka, OH2YY, has informed OPDX that he will be on a business trip in **Sanaa**, Yemen, from the evening of **May 7th** until late night on **May 11th**. He has applied for permission to operate amateur radio during his visit, and he has received a written confirmation dated on April 23rd, to import his radio equipment and to operate them during his visit. So far, Pekka has not been assigned a 7O-callsign, and unless otherwise agreed after his arrival, he will be using the callsign **7O/OH2YY**. Pekka will carry a FT840 transceiver and a FinnFet 1001 amplifier. He will also have a Cuscraft R5 vertical with him, and once in Sanaa, he will try to organize (setup) either a dipole or a long wire for 40 and 80 meters. Pekka has suggested the following frequencies: 3790, 7045, 14195, 18135, 21295, 24950, 28495 kHz. If the propagation allows, he will try to maximize the number of QSOs by staying on the higher frequencies. He will operate SSB only. His QTH in Sanaa will be a bit outside of the city in a residential district. It's a higher altitude location having a very nice and clear view to the north over the valley of the city of Sanaa. The QTH should be good for QSOs to North America, Caribbean, Europe and most of Asia, including Japan. On Tuesday, May 7th, Pekka will arrive in Sanaa so late that most likely he will have to wait until the next morning to get the antennas installed. He will have business meetings on Wednesday and Saturday, and Pekka is not aware of his detailed schedule yet. On Thursday and Friday he should be able to operate most of the day. Anyway, he will use all the available time for DXing. The QSL address is his home address: Pekka Ahlqvist, Vapaalanpolku 8B, 01650, Vantaa, Finland.

7O, YEMEN. A couple of sources are reporting that Chris Lorek, G4HCL, was recently in Sanaa, Yemen, and while there he made a handful of contacts as **7O/G4HCL** "under the direct supervision of the Yemeni Communications Ministry". Chris is currently back in the UK, but will be back in Yemen on Saturday, **May 11th**, for a **three week stay**. He is expected to be operating on the amateur bands by himself from Sanaa and possibly other locations in the country. However, his operating time will be limited to his spare time due to his work schedule. This is not a DXpedition. He will be using a FT-990 with 100 watts into a vertical or dipole antennas. QSL information to be announced.

ARMED FORCES DAY. Amateurs are urged to take part in the upcoming 52nd Armed Forces Day event, **May 11-12th**. There will be an exchange of contacts with the Army, Air Force, Navy-Marine Corps and Coast Guard radio stations. This year's traditional Armed Forces Day actually falls on May 18th, but the traditional cross-band communications test was rescheduled to avoid a conflict with the Dayton Hamvention. Cross-band activity is expected to be on amateur frequencies in the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands with transmissions on

selected MARS frequencies. For more details, please check the Army MARS Web site at: http://www.asc.army.mil/MARS/afd/mars_afd.htm

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND. Operators Duane/WV2B, William/VE1AAO, James/VE9DH, Ed/W0SD, Arliss/W7XU, Holly/N0QJM and Edith/W0OE are expected to be on the air from here late **June 29th through July 8th**. The operation will feature two full time stations and an attempt is being made to add a third, part time HF station to be used during peak propagation times, especially to the Pacific area where CY9 is needed by many. The group plans on operating on the west side of the island to have a clear shot to Asia, South America, North America and most of Europe. The landing is much more difficult on this side because of the prevailing winds which always seem to blow on St. Paul with high seas; therefore, the start up date is subject to landing conditions. As far as it is known, no previous operations have been from this side of the island. This operation will feature a full time, dedicated six meter station operated by W7XU, N0QJM, W0SD and W0OE. The six meter station WILL ONLY transmit on 50.157 MHz listening up when there is propagation. A beam and ACOM 1000 amplifier will be used with operation on SSB and CW. Liaison will be available on 28.886 MHz and E-mail updates via WINLINK 2000 will be provided to the appropriate Six Meter Internet sites. The Grid Square will be FN97. A special effort will be made to work Europe on double hop sporadic E in addition to North America and Caribbean areas! A second station will be set up for HF. The operation plans to use a 5 band Hex beam for 20-10 meters and a vertical on 30 and 40 meters. Given the time of the year, no operation is planned for 80 and 160 meters. An ACOM 1000 amplifier will be used. There will be activity on RTTY, SSB and CW. Operators will be WV2B, VE1AAO, VE9DH, W0SD, W7XU, N0QJM and W0OE. Planned frequencies are as follows:

- **RTTY** - 7080, 10115, 14080, 18080, 21080, 24908 and 28080 kHz
- **CW** - 7005, 10105, 14020, 18100, 21020, 24900 and 28020 khz
- **SSB** - 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495 (alternate 14145) kHz

All QSLs via W7XU.

DAYTON EVENT. The **Northern Ohio DX Association** (along with WVNO Radio) will once again sponsor a Hospitality Suite at this year's Dayton Hamvention. It will be in Suite 1011 on the 10th Club Floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel (old Stouffers) on Friday and Saturday evenings. All DXers/Contesters are welcome. Munchies and refreshments will be avaialble. Come and meet the members and friends of NODXA.

DXCC NEWS.....

- Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reports that "**ZK1QMA** for North Cook Island has been on hold awaiting supporting documentation. This has been received, and upon review, it is now being accepted for DXCC credit. Anyone who had this rejected during a recent submission can contact DXCC at dxcc@arrl.org for an update to their record. Or, it can be sent with the next submission for credit.
- Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reports that the following Cambodian operations are now approved for DXCC credit: **XU7ABR, XU7ABT, XU7ABU** and **XU7ABV**. Contact DXCC to update your record at dxcc@arrl.org, or, just include it with your next submission.
- Harry, W6DXO, received the following E-mail from Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC

Manager, about **HC2DX** via PY3ZM. Here is Bill's response: "We have received information from HC2DX, in writing, which states that PY3ZM is his QSL Manager. Based on this information, DXCC is currently accepting cards from HC2DX direct or via Michel Hamoniaux, PY3ZM. HC2DX is the only station for which we accept PY3ZM QSLs.

- **MORE QSLS REJECTED** by the DXCC Desk (sent in by Bob, K8BL).
    - FR/DJ6SI/G No Landing Permit
    - 3X0DEX No Documentation Received
    - I2RAO/HK0M Unauthorized Operation
    - 5A/UY0MF No Documentation Received
- Also, QSLs for **TT8JLB** are not being accepted. The reason given is that the ARRL DXCC Desk has not received documentation. Terry, KG6S, informs OPDX that he has received an E-mail from the operator, and it seems that he has lost the documentation while traveling in Europe. The operator also states it is too expensive to get another photocopy from Chad. "Looks like it is time to work another TT station!!"

EP & YA, IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN. Stig, LA7JO (aka EP3UN), reports that he is on his way to Afghanistan after which he will be on vacation. He expects to return to Iran at the end of June.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Look for F8DQL to be active as **FO/F8DQL** every day, around 0700z, from **now through May 12th**, from Tahiti's main island (**OC-046**, DIFO : FO002). Activity will be on 21010/020 kHz and 28030 khz on CW. QSL vi his home call.

FRENCH ISLANDS TO BE ACTIVATED. Yan, F0DSJ, informs OPDX that Dimitri/F0DSK, Ronan/F5TJP and himself will activate the following French island this week. The VHF activity will be done by F0DSJ and F0DSK. The HF activity will be done by F5TJP. Their schedule is as follows:

- **May 9th** - Ile des Pins ou des Ongles (DIFM MA058 - IN88IU)
- May 10th - Ile Yvinec ou Kergonet (DIFM MA057 - IN88IU)
- **May 11th** - Ile Bruc (DIFM MA068 - IN88HU)
- **May 12th** - Ile du Renard (DIFM MA077 - IN88ET)

Not Sure e Grande (DIFM MA016 - IN88FT)
Ile a Cantu Aganton (DIFM MA076 - IN88ET)

HAM RADIO FAIR 2002. Dieter Dippel, DF4RD, would like to remind everyone that European's biggest Ham Radio Event (app. 20,000 visitors) will take place Friday, **June 28th**, through Sunday, **June 30th**, at **Friedrichshafen**, Bodensee (Lake Constance), South-West Germany (close to the Swiss and Austrian Border). A meeting of Contesters and DXers will be organized as in previous years by the BCC (Bavarian Contest Club) and the RRDXA (Rhein Ruhr DX Association) on Friday (RRDXA) and Saturday (BCC) evening. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive a copy of the press release as an additional bulletin. For non-subscribers, please visit the following Ham Radio Fair 2002 Web site for more details and information at: http://www.messe-fn.de/ham/

IOTA NEWS.....

- **EU-048**. Francois, F2GL, will be active from **Houat Island**, as **F2GL/p**, for 5 days from **May 6-10th**. Activity will be on HF Bands mainly on CW, with 100w barefoot into a G5RV antenna, and some SSB by request. Emphasis will be on 40 meters. Other Houat Island reference numbers are: DIFM AT016 (French Islands Award), DDFM 56 (French Departments Award), Province Brittany (Worked All French Provinces Award) and DFCF 56007 (French Castles Award).
- **NA-NEW**. Operators Rick/KL7AK, Blaine/KL7TG, Linda/NL7RE, Larry/KF6XC and Jim/K9PPY will activate **Deer Island**, part of the Southern Alaska Peninsula West group; an unnumbered IOTA island group. They expect/plan to be on the island late in the evening on the **31st of July**, until mid-afternoon on the **5th of August**. They will use the callsign **KL7AK**. Their main station will be a Kenwood TS-570S(G) HF transceiver with an Ameritron AL-80A amp, using a Mosley Mini-33 tri-band Yagi up about 30 feet. A Cushcraft R-7000 will be used for 40 and 80 meters. Rick, KL7AK, states, "I have found during my many Alaska island DXpeditions, that 20 meters is the optimum band here in Alaska. We normally have propagation up to 20 hours a day. However, we will operate 80 through 10 meters, both SSB and CW, including the AO-27 and UO-14 Amateur Satellites. We will operate on or near the IOTA frequencies on each band." The QSL Manager is Fred Stenger, N6AWD, good in the callbook/Internet databases.
- **NA-091**. Frank/VE7DP and Heinz/VA7AQ will try to activate an island in the British Columbia Province North Group on **May 11-12th**. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or bureau. PLEASE NOTE: Frank/VE7DP has moved to a new QTH recently, check QRZ.COM or Buckmaster for the new address.

IQ0, ITALY. The team of I0CUT, I0JBL, IK0LNN, IK0NFV, IK0PEA, IK0SME, IZ0BXZ and possibly others will participate in the **2002 ARI International Contest** with special callsign, **IQ0N**, in the category Multi/Single. Their activity will be on all bands and all modes. QSL via the bureau or direct to IK0NFV.

JD1, OGASAWARA. Six JA operators will be active on all bands (includes 6 meters) and all modes from Ogasawara (**AS-031**) on **June 8-10th**. Their callsigns will be **JA1UII/JD1, JG1GGU/JD1, JH1HHC/JD1 JI1LET/JD1, JK1KNB/JD1** and **7N2UTO/JD1**. QSL via home callsigns. The details and logs will be available at:
http://www.geocities.co.jp/Technopolis-Mars/9110/

K1B, BAKER ISLAND. Activity is going strong. One of Hrane's, YT1AD, reports stated that it took seven ship crew members, and 13 + 1 radio fanatics almost 48 hours to set up three complete camps. The USA camp is operated by KW4DA, N6TQS, Z32ZM and S56A. The Serbian camp is operated by YT1AD, YU1DX, YU1AU and ZS6MG. The Russian camp is operated by RZ3AA, RA3AUU, RW3AH (9X0A) and LY3NUM. Remember, all CW, RTTY, PSK and SSTV QSOs are via YT1AD: Dr. Hrane Milosevic, 36206 Vitanovac, Yugoslavia. All SSB QSOs are via RZ3AA: Roman Thomas, P.O. Box 2059, Moscow, 101000, Russia. Activity should last until May 9th. For the latest updates, try the Web page:
http://www.magma.ca/~ve3exy/

Some of the logs are now available at:

- http://www.magma.ca/~ve3exy/
- http://www.kragujevac.co.yu/kh1/
- http://dx.fireroute.com/kh1/index.php

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY AND NEWS..... Just a quick note to let everyone know that Ted, W8TTS, has updated the WLH list on his Web page at: http://home.neo.rr.com/tsarah/www/w8tts.html Please note that LH-0758, Sable Island is CY0 and not VO1.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **P5/4L4FN** are IN THE MAIL. Some 4500 QSLs were mailed out May 4th. See pictures of Bruce, KK5DO, mailing the P5/4L4FN QSLs at the post office at: http://www.amsatnet.com/p5post.html
- OPDX has had a request to ask "What is the status of the **KC4USV** and **KC4AAA** QSLs (both via K1IED)?" Does anyone have the answer, please send us info to publish.
- This next item was not totally clear from the provider, but we will give it a shot. Percy, CE7ZK, QSL Manager for **CE7AOY/8** from Riesco Island (December 17-20th, 2001) states that he has not received QSLs from the following stations: I8XTX, IV3TOU, I4EAT, F9RM, N0YD, AA5AT and W9DWN. Please send another card for quick reply. Percy states that he has not received any E-mails for 4 months due to computer problems and is sorry for the delay. His new E-mail address is: ce7zk@yahoo.es
- Pres, N6SS/VQ9SS, states that he has been receiving QSLs for **VQ9X**, the club station on Diego Garcia. He states PLEASE send QSLs for VQ9X to: Diego Garcia A.R.C., PSC 466 Box 15, FPO AP 96595-0015, U.S.A.

SPECIAL AUSTRALIAN EVENTS.

- The Wireless Institute of Australia (Victorian Division) will be activating the call **AX3ITU** from 0000 hours UTC on **May 17th** until 0000 hours on **May 18th** to commemorate the **137th Anniversary of the formation of the International Telegraph Union in Paris** on May 17th, 1865. On behalf of the WIA, the station will be operated by members of the Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club Inc, and QSL is either direct via VK3ER, P.O. Box 87, MITCHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA 3132 - or via the bureau.
- Paul, VK2HV, informs OPDX that he will be active as **AX2ITU** for 24 hours on **May 17th** between 0000-2359z. Activity is to celebrate the **International Telecommunications Union**. Activity will be on 15 and 10 meters. Please QSL via the bureau or direct to VK2PS (Stephen Pall - address is OK on QRZ.COM).

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for special event callsign **II0FM** to be used for the "**III Friendship Meeting**" from **May 20-26th**. QSL via IZ0BTV.

VK9ML UPDATE AND STATISTICS. It was reported that all the logs from the VK9ML operation are now available online on their Web page. Statistics show that the VK9ML operation netted 50,950 QSOs: CW - 26,246; SSB- 23,188; and RTTY 1,516.

VP8THU VIDEO IS AVAILABLE. James, 9V1YC, states, "Yes, finally, at long last, the South Sandwich (VP8THU) DXpedition video is ready. The synopsis is here: http://home1.pacific.net.sg/~jamesb/vp8thuvideo.htm This one is a bit more dramatic than the last few. Smashing 40-foot seas, insane cliff-jumps into zodiacs, and thousands of penguins making a tremendous racket. A bit more wild DX fun this time." :-)

XW, LAOS. Rod, EA7JX/EH7JX, informs OPDX that he is in contact with Larry, **XW1LLR**, who has been working in the country for 8 years and has married a native Vientiane wife in Laos. He reportedly has one TS850S and two TS50S, and has begun putting up new antennas; "dipoles" in the jungle. He said for now to QSL via the club station XW8KPL. Rod adds that Larry has an 8 hectors farm for putting up a good antennas farm in the future. Larry was heard this past weekend on the 14245 DX net around 1500z.

YL DXER INJURIED. Lenny, K5OVC, informed OPDX that well-known YL Nellie, **XE1CI**, was hit by a car last week in her apartment house garage as she was walking her dogs. The driver of the car said he did not see her. Nellie had to have a hip replacement, but prior to going into surgery, her heart acted up and she ultimately had to have a pacemaker put in. The good news is that Nellie is home with nurses round the clock as she cannot bend or get in a car for about 3 month or so. She is confined to bed. Nellie will not be going to Dayton or Hamcom in Dallas. Lenny doesn't know if she will be able to go to the YL meeting in Palermo, Italy. At this time she will not be on the air as she has to find out if she can operate with a pacemaker in her. Besides, Lenny doesn't think she can get to the radio. Lenny will be keeping in touch with Nellie and will send us further updates on her condition. She is a very special lady, and get well cards to her along with your prayers will be appreciated. Her address is: Nellie de Lazard, Sierra Chalchihui 235-502B, Mexico City, 11000, Mexico.

YO, ROMANIA. Jean Michel, F6AJA, will be active again as **YO/F6AJA** for the 9th year from the QTH of YO8FZ from **May 19-26th**. He will be active only during his free time.

WHAT WERE THOSE OEH, OEP AND OEY PREFIXES? After some confusion on the band and on the DXClusters about callsigns like **OEH6101** ... etc. on May 1st, Tom, DL8AAM, was nice enough to send OPDX information on the event:

> "For some hours each year on May 1st they run the Austrian Emergency and Disaster-Communications Training Contest on 80 and 30m. The SSB operation on 30m is ok with the IARU rules under the point 'Emergency communication'. Red Cross (OEH's), Police (OEP's) & Military (OEY's) are licenced working OE-HAMs to train OPs of both radio services for a possible interaction QSOs in case of an emergency/disaster. (SWL-) QSL ok via OE-Bureau ! Stations active this year: OEH20 (Red Cross National HQ Vienna, via OE1XXK), OEH3101 (via OE3XRK), OEH5601 (via OE2XRK), OEH6101 (OP OE6PTG, via OE6XRK), OEH71 (via OE7XRK), OEH7201, OEH8101 (OP OE8FKQ, via OE8XRK), OEH91 (via OE9XRK), OEP213, OEY55 (OP OE1RGC)."

More info is available about this Contest on: http://www.oevsv.at

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